

REMARKS

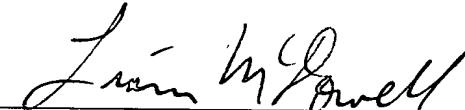
Claims 9-18 were previously pending in the application. Claims 16-18 are canceled, leaving claims 9-15 for consideration. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 9-15 are allowed.

Since the claims remaining in the application are indicated as allowed and since there are believed no outstanding formal matters, the application is believed in condition for allowance. An early notification of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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